

HOUSE BILL No. 1225

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 8-23-28.

Synopsis: River Ridge Commerce Corridor. Establishes the River Ridge Commerce Corridor on state highway 62 between Interstate Highway 265 and state highway 3. Assigns certain duties concerning the corridor to the Indiana department of transportation, the Indiana economic development corporation, and the office of community and rural development.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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January 12, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities and transportation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 8-23-28 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]:

Chapter 28. River Ridge Commerce Corridor

Sec. 1. The general assembly finds the following:

(1) That the River Ridge Commerce Corridor is vitally important to the well-being and advancement of Indiana.

(2) That the following are adjacent to or located within the corridor:

(A) Charlestown State Park.

(B) One of the largest commercial developments located east of the Mississippi River, the River Ridge Commerce Center.

(C) The site of the new East End Ohio River bridge that will link Charlestown to the eastern suburbs of Louisville, Kentucky, when completed.

(3) That the corridor will continue to experience significant

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(4) That the development of the corridor should balance public safety, economic development, the environment, quality of life concerns, and interstate travel needs.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "corporation" refers to the Indiana economic development corporation established by IC 5-28-3-1.

Sec. 3. The River Ridge Commerce Corridor is established on state highway 62 between Interstate Highway 265 and state highway 3. The department shall recognize the corridor with signs:

- (1) at the northern and southern ends of the corridor; and
- (2) within the corridor, as appropriate in the determination of the department.

Sec. 4. This chapter does not affect local planning and zoning actions taken within the corridor under IC 36-7.

Sec. 5. The department shall annually provide the local officials having jurisdiction over the territory within the corridor with traffic studies and any other information relevant to:

- (1) developing and promoting the economic development of the corridor; and
- (2) maintaining an efficient system of local highways leading to the corridor.

Sec. 6. The corporation shall coordinate state and local economic development initiatives within the corridor.

Sec. 7. The office of community and rural development, with the assistance of the corporation and the department, shall assist the local governments having jurisdiction over the territory within the corridor in developing local zoning and planning standards for the corridor that balance public safety, economic development, the environment, quality of life concerns, and interstate travel needs.

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